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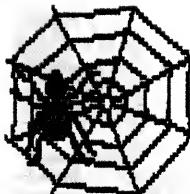
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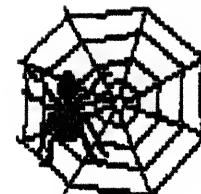
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A Journal of Duplicitous Doings,
Raw Power, and Naked Greed

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave
When first we practice to deceive!"

--Sir Walter Scott--



13 Jul 07

(#269)

Wilson & Anderson Win DUNE!

In a classic example of the strength of an unopposed alliance, the Atreides and Guild have pulled off a three turn victory. We hardly got the pieces out of the box. So why not start another immediately? This time an alliance needs all five strongholds to win on Turns 1-10 and four thereafter. Will need faction preferences (Ix, Landsraad, and BT are available -- see References 1-3 for rules peculiar to them).

Note that we're moving the deadline this time from the first Friday to the first Monday due to WBC.

We have some pages to fill. We have a bare quorum (Anderson, Barrett, Nichols and Scott), for *MACHIAVELLI*, so let's go with Scenario II. Send nation preference list for 4-, 5- and 6-player game (in case others join) and druthers on optional and advanced rules. "Boris XVIII" could end next time, so need sign-ups soonest for "XIX" -- for what would *BORIS* be without a *DIPLOMACY* game?

IMMEDIATE GAME OPENINGS:

DUNE: New game, all 9 factions available

MACHIAVELLI: Struggle for Dominance (Pt 1) Scenario. Have 4 could use up to two more.

WIZARD'S QUEST: Need 1 to 3 more.

BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "Thinking is, or ought to be, a coolness; and our poor hearts throb and our poor brains beat too much for that." -- Herman Melville

NEW ON THE WEBSITE: "Balkan Wars", Games 1, 2 & 3 have been posted. The Hall of Fame file has been updated.

Remember that the World Boardgaming Championships will be held in Lancaster, PA on 31 Jul-5 Aug 07 (Reference 4). Expect to see Boris and Ms Nar there. Boris will be an Asst GM for the GANGSTERS and MONSTERS RAVAGE AMERICA tourneys.

PICTURE OF THE MONTH: The Sultan and Sultana all dressed up for the Crown Prince's wedding.

BOOS & KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award and free issue go this month to Jack Shacklett for his KINGMAKER press.

This month's Ms Nar Super-Suds Bomb is lobbed at Andy York.

REFERENCE:

1. http://hometown.aol.com/prbolduc/boris/variants/g_hola.html
2. <http://hometown.aol.com/prbolduc/boris/variants/ix.html>
3. <http://hometown.aol.com/prbolduc/boris/variants/Landsraad.html>
4. <http://www.boardgamers.org>

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION HERE (maybe):

Deadline for most games is 1800 CDT 6 Aug 07



**Nichols Back!!
Is the End Nigh?
Spring 1911**

**XVIII
2005F**

CLIFFHOME: The leaderless German Army had to look no farther than its own prison in Paris to find a successor to the missing Kaiser Tim. Karel, lately Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary, and, more recently, King of France has agreed to ascend the vacant German throne. Well, perhaps the third time is the charm. Probably not. With the Turk's occupation of BEL, he only needs two more centers to win. These could easily be TRI or MUN where he holds a 6:3 advantage over Italian troops or, with perfidious Albion's complicity, STP and DEN. An army into LON convoyed by Italy is not impossible. The world holds its collective breath.

TROOP MOVEMENT

German A HOL retreats to BEL. Germany disbands F DEN. Turkey builds A CON.

ENGLAND (Anderson): F Ska S F Nth-Den, F Nth-Den, F Nwg-Nth.

GERMANY (Nichols): [A Bel-Ruh](d), [A Bur S A Bel-Ruh], [A Par-Pic];

ITALY (Copeland): F Eng S TUR A Ruh-Bel, F Spafsc)-Mid, F Bre-Gas, A Tri H, [A Pic S A Mun-Bur], F Ion H, F Mar H, [A Mun-Bur], [A Tri-Mun], F Nap S F Ion;

RUSSIA (R. Fisher): A Nwy S A StP, F Sve S ENG F Nth-Den, A StP H;

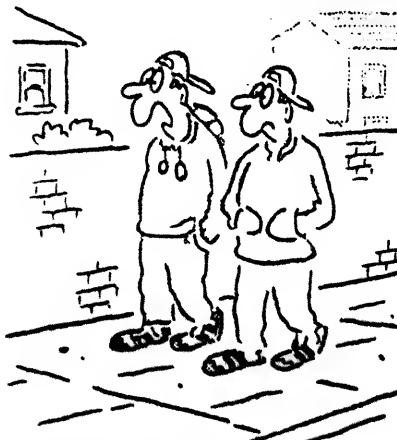
TURKEY (Shacklett): A Hol S A Kie, A Ruh-Bel, F Gre S F Aeg, A Ke S A Hol, F Aeg S F Gre, [A Mos-StP], A Sil-Ber, A Lvn S A Mos-StP, F Bla-Con, A Vie-Boh, A Bud-Vie, A War-Sil, A Ser H, A Rum-Bud, A Con-Bul.

Orders in brackets fail; amb = ambiguous, NBR = no build received, NDR = no disband received, NMR = no move received, NRR = no retreat received, nso = not so ordered, nsu = no such unit, otb = off the board, otm = on the move, r-??? = retreats somewhere.

Due next are orders for Fall 1911 and Press. Ms Nar loves Press. See website for transcript and current map.

EMBASSY BEAT

England to World -- King and Queen Anderson visted the former colonies over the July 4th holiday in a effort to foster better relations and looking for possible spots to relocate the palace after Ali Jacks apparent upcoming victory.



"My grandparents are at that worrying age when they're out all night at Rolling Stones concerts."

Matt/Daily Telegraph/London



The Board:

ATREIDES (Anderson): 3T @ Arrakeen, 9T @ Carthag; 8R, 5S, KH(0/7), 5L, 4C

BENE GESSERIT (Martin): 2T @ Carthag, Tuck's Sietch; 1T @ Habbanya Ridge Sietch, S Mesa; 1S, 15R, 5L, 4C

EMPEROR (Fisher): 8R, 4*R, 22S, 4L, 3C

FREMEN (Barrett): 3T @ Sietch Tabr, 7T @ Habbanya Ridge Sietch, 3T @ Great Flat, 2T, 1* @ Hagga Basin(s13); 4L, 2T, 1*, 7S, 2C

GUILD (K Wilson): 5T @ Tuck's Sietch, 5T @ Red Chasm, 5T @ Sietch Tabr; 5R, 18S, 5L, 4C

HARKONNEN (Nichols): 9T Carthag, 1T @ Hagga Basin(s13), 9R, 0S, 5L, 4C

Storm: @ Sector 3

Spice Blows: The Great Flat (4), Red Chasm(8), Hagga Basin(6)

Tanks: E: Caid, 1*, 7T. H: 1T, F: Mapes, 2*, 2T.

3.5 Combat:

Hagga Basin: F 3T, 1* @ vs H 1T. F plays La La La, Otheym, 2S, and dials 4. H plays Beast Rabban, 0S, and dials 0.5. 9 wins 8:4.5, but all tokens go to the tanks.

Carthag: H 9T @ v s A 9T. A plays Karama and foresees H's entire battle plan. H plays Truthtrance and asks "Do you have a Shield card in hand?" The answer is "Yes", H then plays Karama and steals A's hand, returning _____, _____, & _____. A plays Lady J, Stunner, 3S, and dials 5. H plays F Rautha, Slipt, 0S, and dials 4. Lady J and Rautha are killed. A wins 5:4 and collects 11S for the leaders. Kwitzach Haderach is now available.

Sietch Tabr: F 3T @ vs G 5T. A foresees that F is not playing a poison defense. G plays Staban Tuck, Gon Jabbar, Snooper, 4S and dials 4. F plays Kulon, Stilgar, 3S, and dials 3. Stilgar is killed and G wins 9:3. G gets 7S.

The A/G alliance holds four strongholds and thus win the game.

The Board:

ATREIDES (Anderson): 3T @ Arrakeen, 2T @ Carthag; 8R, 13S, KH, 4L, 3C

BENE GESSERIT (Martin): 2T @ Carthag, Tuck's Sietch; 1T @ Habbanya Ridge Sietch, S Mesa; 1S, 15R, 5L, 4C

EMPEROR (Fisher): 8R, 4*R, 22S, 4L, 3C

FREMEN (Barrett): 7T @ Habbanya Ridge Sietch, 3T @ Great Flat; 3L, 2R, 1*, 1S, 0C

GUILD (K Wilson): 5T @ Tuck's Sietch, 5T @ Red Chasm, 1T @ Sietch Tabr; 5R, 21S, 5L, 4C

HARKONNEN (Nichols): 9R, 0S, 4L, 1C

Storm: @ Sector 3

Spice Blows: The Great Flat (4), Red Chasm(8), Hagga Basin(6)

Tanks: A: Lady J, 7T; E: Caid, 1*, 7T. H: Rautha, 11T, F: Mapes, Stilgar, 3*, 7T; G: 4T.

Due next time are postgame comments.

LEGEND: * = starred token, (@) = aggressor, A = Atreides, B = Bene Gesserit, C = card, E = Emperor, F = Fremen, G = Guild, H = Harkonnen, KH = Kwitzach Haderach, L = leaders, S = spice, s# = sector #, T = token.

--KINGMAKER (continued from p 4)

Corfe, Berkeley, Duke of York, Fitzalan, Holland, Pole, Scrope @ Preston. Bouchier @ Beaumaris; Howard in Penzance. Clifford, Courtenay & Stanley on the Continent. Cromwell in Tattershall.

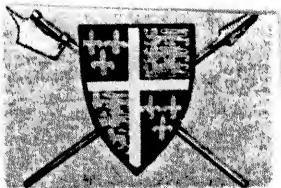
Hastings in Tutbury. Mowbray in Wressle. Percy in Alnwick.

SHIPS: *Le Christopher, Le Margarete, Le Lucas* @ Beaumaris, *Le Michael* interned @ Carisbrooke; *Le Nicholas* @ Chichester, *Le George* @ Rye, *Le Swan & Le Trinity* @ Penzance.

HEIRS: **Reds:** King Henry in Alnwick w/ Percy, Margaret & Edward of Wales in Beaumaris; Artie & Pretender (20) w/ Fitzalan in Preston. **Whites:** Richard of York in Preston w/ Holland, George @ Mf w/ Stafford; Edmund II of March @ Milford Haven. Richard of Gloucester, Edmund of Rutland (RIP).

DUNE
Turn 3c
A/G Win!!





KINGMAKER

"King of Pain"
Parliament Fizzles

KoP

The Cast:

THE MAD HUNGARIANS (Dowrey): Fitzalan (30), Warden of the Northern Marches (1150), Flemish Crossbowmen (20), Scottish Mercs (50), Stanley (50), Earl of Richmond (40), Marshal of England (100), Le Lucas, Bouchier (10), Event cards (1), Crown Cards (5).

THE CALIFORNIA CONNECTION (Scott): Pole (30), Chancellor of England (50), Scrope (10), Earl of Wiltshire (30), Chancellor of Cornwall (1150), Swansea (20), Leicester (20), Holland (20), Duke of York (30), Courtenay (30), Admiral of England (50), Lancaster (20). Event cards (6), Crown Cards (5).

KNIGHTS OF THE PRIVY POT (Deb Anderson): Mowbray (50), Treasurer of England (50), Hastings (10), Bishop of Carlisle (30), Cromwell (10), Earl of Kent (30), Constable of London (2150), Percy (100), Lieutenant of Ireland (2150), Archbishop of York (30), Bishop of Durham (30), Northampton (20), Le Nicholas, Carisbrooke, Calais, Newcastle. Event cards (4), Crown Cards (7).

THE STAFFORDSHIRE QUARTERSTAFFS (Shacklett): Stafford (30), Chamberlain of Chester (2150), Nottingham (20), Neville (50), Audley (10), Saxons (10), Roos (20), Herbert (10), Talbot (30). Event cards (5), Crown Cards (3).

WESTERN FRONT (Martin): Howard (10), Duke of Exeter (20), Warden of the Cinque Ports (50), Archbishop of Canterbury, Bristol (30), Coventry (20), Le Swan, Clifford (10), Earl of Worcester (30), Captain of Calais (30), Bishop of Lincoln, Le Michael, Flemish Crossbowmen (20), Burgundian Crossbowmen (30). Event cards (6), Crown Cards (1).

TURN 27 (Parliament):

Staffordshire Quarterstaffs activate Greystoke with Irish Kerns (50) and Burgundian Crossbowmen (30). Percy gives Bishop of Durham, Northampton, Carisbrooke, Calais, and Newcastle to Hastings. Percy becomes owner of Le Rose. Beaufort becomes Constable of London. Cromwell becomes Steward of the Royal Household.

MOVEMENT:

MH: All stay at Preston.
TCC: All stay at Preston.

KPP: All return to home castles (Mowbray goes to Wressle. Percy goes to Alnwick.)

SQ: Parliament-Nc-Nb-Mh-Mg-Mf

WF: Sails from Milford Haven-Penzance.

COMBAT:

CROWN CARDS: MH & TCC get cards. KPP will get the next card.

TURN 28

EVENT CARDS:

MH: #27, Storms at Sea - n/e.

TCC: #41, Embassy from the King of the Scots. King to Preston (n/e). Reshuffle at end of turn.

KPP: #55, Revolt in Wales. Talbot to Ludlow.

SQ: #77, Plague in Kingston & York (n/e).

WF: #137, War in Europe. Mercs go home (except Irish), Marshal (Stanley), Admiral (Courtenay), Captain (Clifford) to Continent.

Press

Rather enjoying a new game with a ball thrown at stick with an egg on top. An opposing knight tries to hit the ball with the flat of his sword to prevent the egg being toppled. If thy knight hits the ball past the thrower he can run to the opposing stick for a point. Some variations on how to stop the runner are to hit him with a thrown ball, touch him with the ball held by another knight, or outright pile on top of the runner. Could evolve into an interesting scuffle.

Note to cooks: Lots of scramble eggs served for breakfast.

NOBLES: Audley, Greystoke, Herbert, Neville, Roos, Stafford @ Mf; Talbot in Ludlow. Beaufort in
-continued on p 3



KREMLIN

No Takers
Year 2a



The Cast: (in Table order)

Brad Martin, Western Front (WF): 3 cards
Doug Kent, Whining Kremlin Pigs (WKP): 3 cards
Paul Barrett, Politburo Bureaucrats (PB): 2 cards & #48
Mike Scott, The California Connection (TCC): 3 cards
Cary Nichols, Re-Education Deployment Society (REDS): 3 cards
Dave Anderson, Decaying, Licentious Antiquarians (DLA): 3 cards

Politburo

Party Chief:	Aparatschik (A)	84++	DLA (7), WKP(3)
KGB Head:	Palavrian (G)	70+	
Foreign Minister:	Nogoodnik (V)	55+	
Defense Minister:	Schruckutov (B)	76w+	
Ideology Chief:	Bungalloff (W)	54	REDS(1)
Industry Minister:	Boremudev (K)	66	
Economy Minister:	Nikotin (R)	59	
Sport Minister:	Putschnik (Y)	52	
Candidates:	NOTUZ		People: CDEFHIJLMPQSX

2.1 CURE PHASE: REDS reveal 1 IP on R & Y. PB reveals 1 IP on G. DLA reveals 2 IP on G. DLA orders Aparatschik "A" to take the Cure but PB reveals 2 IP on A and plays #48 "Deal", offering to trade the 2 IP to the highest bidder (payable in Intrigue cards). No one bids. "A" takes the Cure but still ages 1 SP for being PC. Palavrian and Nogoodnik age 1 SP for being sick to 71 and 56 respectively. Schruckutov ages 2 SP for being weak and sick to 78.

2.2 PURGE PHASE: DLA plays "NKVD Reals Plot" (#60) on REDS and draws #41 and has it discarded. DLA plays "Informants" (#47) and discovers that WF has ___ IP on Bungalloff. Palavrian fails [4] to purge N and ages 3 SP more to 74.

2.3 SPY INVESTIGATION PHASE: No one controls Schruckutov, so no action.

2.4 HEALTH PHASE:

Party Chief Aparatschik (85++) exercises "20" hrs a week, improves to sick. KGB Head Palavrian (74+) does "15" sit ups, remains sick. Foreign Minister Nogoodnik (56+) shoots "18" moose, is healed. Defense Minister Schruckutov (78w+) drinks "17" bottles of kvass, remains sick. Ideology Chief Bungalloff (54) runs "15" km weekly, remains healthy. Industry Minister Boremudev (66) opens "7" new factories, remains healthy. Economy Minister Nikotin (59) endures "14" briefings, remains healthy. Sport Minister Putschnik (52) plays in "19" chess tournaments, remains healthy.

Due next time are your orders for the rest of the Turn 2.

Politburo

Party Chief:	Aparatschik (A)	85+◎	DLA (7), WKP(3), PB(2)
KGB Head:	Palavrian (G)	74+	DLA(2), PB(1)
Foreign Minister:	Nogoodnik (V)	56	
Defense Minister:	Schruckutov (B)	78w+	
Ideology Chief:	Bungalloff (W)	54	REDS(1)
Industry Minister:	Boremudev (K)	66	
Economy Minister:	Nikotin (R)	59	REDS(1)
Sport Minister:	Putschnik (Y)	52	REDS(1)
Candidates:	NOTUZ		People: CDEFHIJLMPQSX

LEGEND: s = strong, w = weak, + = sick, ++ = ill, ? = under investigation, C# = card # remains as a bribe, ◎ = taking the Cure.



BRITANNIA

"Galmaii" Turn IV



The Cast

Copeland: Purple
Zieske: Green

Score: Purple 29, Blue 7, Red 4, Green 2.

BOAR'D

Romans: 2L, F @ Cheshire, Essex, York; 1L, F @ Hwicce, Kent, Norfolk, Suffolk, Sussex, Wessex; F @ Downlands, Galloway, Peninnes, Lindsey, March, N Mercia, S Mercia.

Welsh (2,5): 2A @ Clwyd, Dyfed, Gwent, Gwynedd; 1A @ Devon, Powys.

Brigantes (1,5): 2A @ Dalriada, Lothian; 1A @ Dunedin, Strathclyde.

Picts (2): 3A @ Skye; 2A @ Alban, Mar; 1A @ Moray.

Caledonians (0): 2A @ Hebrides, Orkneys; 1A @ Caithness.

Irish: 2R @ Atlantic.

Scots: 1R @ Irish.

Jutes: 2R @ Channel.

Saxons: 3R @ Channel.

Angles: 2R @ Frisian.

TURN IV

SCOTS: 1R Irish-Strathclyde (6:6 - 1 Scot, 1 Brigante). Score 1 VP.

JUTES: 2R Channel-Frisian-Lindsey (6,1:4 -F, w-Channel). Score 3 VP.

SAXONS: 1A Channel-Cornwall; 2A Channel-Devon (5,4:1 1 Welsh r-Dyfed).

ANGLES: 2R Frisian-North-Dunedin (6,5:6 - 1 Angle, 1 Brigante, R w-Frisian)

Turn IV UP:

Blue: Picts (4) + Angles (0) = 4

Green: Welsh (6) + Caledonians (6) = 12

Red: Brigantes (0) + Irish (0) + Saxons (0) = 0

Score: Purple 30, Blue 11, Green 17, Red 4.

TURN V

Romans: 2L, F @ Cheshire, Essex, York; 1L, F @ Hwicce, Kent, Norfolk, Suffolk, Sussex, Wessex; F @ Downlands, Galloway, Peninnes, March, N Mercia, S Mercia.

Welsh (2,5): 3A @ Dyfed; 2A @ Clwyd, Gwent, Gwynedd; 1A @ Powys.

Brigantes (1,5): 2A @ Dalriada, Lothian; L @ ???.

Picts (2): 3A @ Skye; 2A @ Alban, Mar; 1A @ Moray.

Caledonians (0): 2A @ Hebrides, Orkneys; 1A @ Caithness.

Irish: 3R @ Atlantic.

Scots: 1R @ Irish.

Jutes: 4R @ Channel.

Saxons: 3R @ Channel; 2A @ Devon; 1A @ Cornwall.

Angles: 4R @ Frisian.

ROMANS: ...



PUERTO RICO

Turn 8



The Cast

John Butitta Andy York Brad Martin Bill Salvatore Ron Fisher

Turn 8

Governor Martin chooses *Builder* (+1d) and build S Sugar (2 cr). Salvatore builds S Warehouse (3d). Fisher builds not. Butitta builds S Warehouse (2d, 1 cr). York (NMR) builds not.

Salvatore chooses *Prospector* (+2d).

Fisher chooses *Prospector* (+2d).

Butitta chooses *Mayor* and places one colonist on L Sugar, one on S Warehouse and one in SJ. York must place one on Sugar & SJ. Martin places one on Corn & L Indigo. Salvatore places one on Tobacco St & S Warehouse. Fisher places one on L Indigo (may rearrange). Colony ship loads 6 new colonists.

York chooses *Craftsman* and produces 4+1 Indigo & 1 sugar. Martin produces 2 Indigo, 1 sugar & 1 corn. Salvatore produces 2 tobacco, 1 sugar, 1 Indigo, 1 corn & 3d. Fisher produces 1 Indigo & 1 corn. Butitta produces 1 Indigo, 2 corn & 2 sugar. Captain, Settler & Trader gain 1d.

Turn 9

Salvatore: *Gov.* S Market(x), Tobacco St(x, x), S Sugar(x), S Indigo(x), Factory(x), S Warehouse(x), Corn(x), 2xTobacco(x), Sugar(x), Indigo(x), Tobacco(_), Corn(_). 9d, 5 VP, 2 tobacco, 1 sugar, 1 Indigo, 1 corn.

Fisher: S Market(x), Hospice(x), Office(x), L Indigo(x, x), Corn(x), 2xCoffee(x), 3xQuarry(x), Indigo(x), 3d, 4 VP, 1 Indigo, 1 corn.

Butitta: *Mayor*, S Indigo (x), Hospice(x), L Sugar(x, x), S Warehouse(x), Indigo(x), 2xCorn(x), 2xSugar(x), 2xQuarry(x). 3d, 6 VP, 1 SJ, 3 corn, 1 Indigo, 2 sugar.

York: S Indigo (x), L Indigo(x, x), S Sugar(x), 4xIndigo(x), 3xSugar(x). 3d, 11 VP, 1 SJ, 4 Indigo, 1 sugar.

Martin: *Builder*, S Indigo (x), L Sugar(x, x), L Indigo(x, x), Hacienda(x), L Market(x), S Sugar(_), 2xIndigo(x), Quarry(x), 2xSugar(x), Sugar(_), Coffee(_), Corn(x), Corn(_). 1d, 9 VP, 2 Indigo, 1 sugar, 1 corn.

AVAILABLE BUILDINGS: All but S Market, Hospice, S Indigo, L Indigo, S Warehouse.

AVAILABLE PLANTATIONS: Quarry(x2), Coffee, Corn, Indigo, Sugar, Tobacco(x2)

AVAILABLE ROLES: Captain(1d), Settler(1d), Trader(1d)

COLONY SHIP: 6

SHIPS: 6-ship, 7-ship, 8-ship (6 sugar)

STOCK: 99 VP, 32 colonists, 9 coffee, 6 corn, 0 Indigo, 0 sugar, 6 tobacco

TRADING HOUSE: Indigo, tobacco

Governor Salvatore chooses ...



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BLACKBEARD

Turns 146-152



THE CAST:

1. (Barrett) Tew: Sloop
 3. (Bargender) Vane**, Sloop
 2. (Zodda) Davis, Sloop
 4. (Martin) Rackham, Schooner.

STATUS:

#	Captain	Ship	Hex	Spd	Cbt	Not	Cun	Unr	NW	H1	H2	Hostage	Attk
2	Davis	Sloop	P24d&r	+3	6	17	5	2	674	165	--	--	NP
4	Rackham	Scnr	C231	+3	5	4	2	7	0	200	--	--	B
4	Rhett*	KC	M22	5	8								
2	Maynard	KC	Box1	4	14								
3	Herdman	KC	DD18	3	15								
2	Matthews	KC	Box1	2	16								
1	Tew	Sloop	P24	+3	4	2	2	7	0	10	--	--	S
3	Vane**	Sloop	M22a	+3	5	5	0	4	0	45	300	2(14,15)	--

The Board:

Guvns: Pro: 35, 46, 53, 31, 41

Anti: 23, 24, 54, 64, 13

Merchants: 46, 46, 13, 45

Warships: B9-4 @ N26

Destroyed Port: 14, 32

Out-of-Play Pirates: Teach (#3), Portuguese (#1), Taylor (#3)

Letters of Marque: PFB

Turn	Player	Action	Draw
146	1	TT moves 1+3 P24-T22, search = no	43, 41
147	3	CV recovers	*C
		Draw 2 Merchants @ 15	15, 11
		Random Event (reshuffle). Scurvy! CV -1 unr	16, 64
		Draw new merchant @ 21	21, 31
148	2	Matthews moves Box1-CC20; HD ends D&R	25
149	2	HD moves 6-3 to S19 & anchors	34
150	2	HD sells booty (165+17d, +1N, +1 unr)	11
		Random Event (reshuffle). Plague! dr ⁶⁶ = 44 = n/e	12, *D, 65
		New Merchant @ 65	41
151	3	CV ransoms Hostage from 15: dr ⁶ = 1: + 110 d.	*A
		Drew New Merchant @ 43	*B, 43, 66
152	1	Warship attacks HD; B9 leaves; new WS blockades in S19	16
		TT moves 6+3 to W15, search = warship	21
		Warship (2) vs TT (3+3); TT avoids interception	36
153	3	CV ransoms hostage from 14: dr ⁶ = 5: + 550 d.	11
		Random Event (reshuffle). B10-4 intercepts TT @ W15	
		TT (5+4+4) vs B10 (5+10); uses Cunning	
		TT (7+4+4) vs B10 (5+10); n/e. TT breaks off	
154	3		41

STATUS:

#	Captain	Ship	Hex	Spd	Cbt	Not	Cun	Unr	NW	H1	H2	Hostage	Attk
2	Davis	Sloop	S19a	+3	6	18	5	3	856	--	--	--	NP
4	Rackham	Scnr	C231	+3	5	4	2	7	0	200	--	--	B
4	Rhett*	KC	M22	5	8								
2	Maynard	KC	Box1	4	12sc								
3	Herdman	KC	DD18	3	15								
2	Matthews	KC	CC20	2	14sc								
1	Tew	Sloop	W15	+3	4	2	(1)	7	0	10	--	--	S
3	Vane**	Sloop	M22a	+3	5	5	0	3	660	45	300	--	

The Board:

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Anti: 23, 24, 54, 64, 13

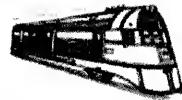
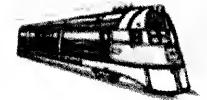
Merchants: 46, 46, 13, 45, 15, 15, 21, 65, 43

Warships: ??? @ S19, B10-4 @ W15

Destroyed Port: 14, 32

RAIL BARON

We Begin!!



THE CAST:

Brad Martin, \$20,000
 Chris Bailey, \$20,000
 Andy York, \$20,000
 Ron Fisher, \$20,000

TURNS 0-1

0.1: Martin rolls 4-odd and 4-odd = Chattanooga.
 0.2: Bailey rolls 2-even and 7-even = Los Angeles.
 0.3: York rolls 8-even and 4-even = Minneapolis.
 0.4: Fisher rolls 9-even and 8-odd = Rapid City.
 1.1: Martin rolls 9-even and 9-odd = Casper. May swap home with destination.

Due soon are your preferred pawn color and your move when it's your turn.



"Cap'n, it's the men. They say you're going soft."

Jones/Private Eye/London

1870

"Bret Maverick"

SR3b-OR4a

SR 3 (concluded)

Hanna buys ATSF share (\$291.72 = \$219)

Zieske buys KATY (\$67.55=\$12)

Bolduc passes. Frueh buys KATY from pool (\$60.55 = \$5)

Bailey passes. Hanna buys ATSF (\$219.72=\$147)

Zieske has Katy buy a share of itself from pool (\$480.55=\$425) - sold out!

Bolduc, Frueh & Bailey pass. Hanna buys ATSF (\$147.72=\$75)

Zieske, Bolduc, Frueh, Bailey. Hanna buys ATSF (\$75.72=\$3)

ATSF floats. All pass. KATY and SP are sold out so rise to H60y & D76 respectively. Zieske has the Priority.

OR 3

Privates pay CH +\$10, PZ +\$20, and CB +\$30.

SL&SF: Lay #8(se) in F11 (-\$60) & #9(nw) in G12. Run E12-B9 (\$40). Pay SL&SF \$28, PB \$12.

Stock moves to A110.

SP: Lay #7(nw) in N3 and tile #5(ne) in N7(-\$80). Run N1-M2 (\$40) and M2-M6 (\$40), pay dividends! +\$48 MF, +\$16 CB, +\$8 PZ & SP; stock moves to D82.

AT&SF: Base token in B9. Play no tile. No train, no run, no dividends. Price to E68. Buy two 2-trains, one 3-train, and SCC from CH for \$100. **Phase change.**

KATY: Upgrade B9 with #14sw. Token in B9 (-\$40). Run B9-B11 (\$50) and B9-E12 (\$50), pay dividends, PZ +\$40, CB +\$30, PB, MF, Katy +\$10, price to H64. Buy mkt from PZ for \$320.

SR 4

Zieske sells 3 KATY and buys Pres cert of FW at \$82 par (+\$192-164); price to I60. Bailey becomes KATY President.

Bolduc buys 1 AT&SF (-\$72).

Frueh sells 1 KATY (+\$60); KATY stays at I60.

Bailey buy 1 AT&SF (-\$72).

Hanna buys SL&SF (-\$100).

Zieske buys 1 AT&SF (-\$72).

Bolduc passes. Frueh buys 1 AT&SF (-\$72) AT&SF sold-out!

Bailey has KATY redeem a share (75.60=15)

Hanna passes. Zieske buys 1 FW (-\$82)

Bolduc, Frueh, Bailey, and Hanna pass. Zieske buys 1 FW (-\$82)

Bolduc, Frueh, Bailey, and Hanna pass. Zieske buys 1 FW (-\$82)

Bolduc, Frueh, Bailey, and Hanna pass. Zieske buys 1 FW (-\$82) FW floats.

Bolduc, Frueh, Bailey, and Hanna pass. Zieske sells 1 FW, buys 1 SLSF (+\$82-100). FW to F76. All pass Bolduc has priority. SP and ATSF sold out, prices to C90 and D72.

PLAYER STATUS:

Chris Bailey: \$6, grsc, mrbc, gsc, 3* KATY, 2 SP, 1 AT&SF

Chuck Hanna: \$13, 6* ATSF, 1 SL&SF

Paul Zieske: \$10, 1 KATY, 1 SP, 5* FW, 1 AT&SF, 1 SL&SF

Paul Bolduc: \$18, 3* SL&SF, 1 KATY, 1 AT&SF

Mark Frueh: \$51, 6* SP, 1 AT&SF

CORPORATE STATUS:

Corp	Pres	Price	Par	IO	Pool Hold	Cash	Dest	Trains	Tokens
SLSF	PB	A110	100	5	0	0	856	no	2---
SP	MF	C90	68	0	0	1	336	no	22--
FW	PZ	E82	82	4	1	0	820	no	----
AT&SF	CH	D72	72	0	0	0	280	no	223-
KATY	CB	I60	68	0	3	2	15	no	22--

The Bank has \$9,595.

Available Trains: 33333444445555666888, 10, 10, 12...



Available Tiles:

Yellow: 1(1), 2(1), 3(3), 4(6), 5(0), 6(1), 7(7), 8(18), 9(21), 55(1), 56(1), 57(3), 58(4), 69(1)

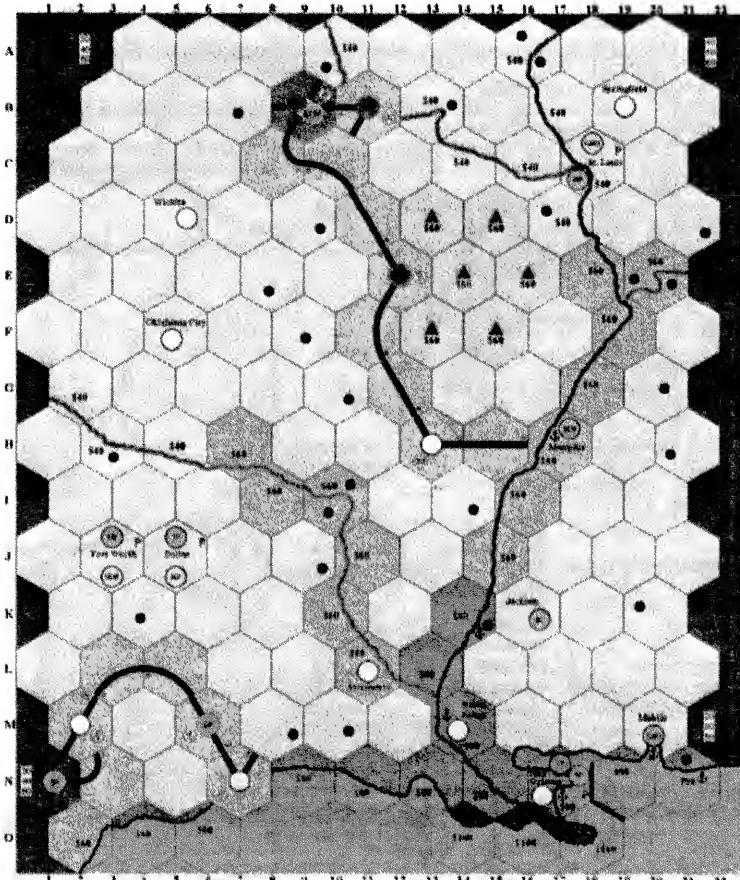
Green: 14(3), 15(4), 16(2), 17(2), 18(2), 19(2), 20(2), 23(4), 24(4), 25(3), 26(2), 27(2), 28(2), 29(2), 141(2), 142(2), 143(1), 144(1)

OR 4a:

Privates pay AT&SF +\$10, KATY +\$20, and CB +\$30.

SL&SF: Lay 6(e) in H13 & #9(w) in H15. Run E12-B9 (\$40). Pay SL&SF \$25, PB \$15, CH & PZ \$5. Stock moves to A120. Buy 3-train (-\$180) and mrbc from CB (-\$70).

SP:



OR 4a, after SL&SF



SILVERTON

Wayne Disputes Again



PLAYER STATUS:

- #1: Denver, Cary Nichols, \$7,600, S+2,S.P.P, #14, #18
- #2: Denver, Wayne Morrison, \$8,600, S+1,S.P+1,P
- #3: El Paso, Debbie Anderson, \$8,000, S+1,S.P+1,P
- #4: SLC, Paul Zieske, \$8,000, S,S.P+2,P, #10, #43

AVAILABLE CLAIMS:

35 Dolores (L) \$300/\$200	42 Vallecitos (L) \$300/\$150
51 Rangely (C) \$400/\$100	53 Craig (C) \$200/\$100
57 Crested Butte (C) \$400/\$200	65 Walsenburg (C) \$300/\$150
83 Santa Rita (Cu) \$500/\$250	104 South Fork (Ag) \$500/\$250
A1-A6, A19-A20	

Turn 1b

- #1: Operate #14 (-\$200: 2+6 = 0.5 Ag) & #18 (-\$200: 3+6 = 1 Ag). No deliveries.
- #2: No ops. No deliveries.
- #3: No ops. No deliveries.
- #4: Operate #10 (-\$200: 5+6 = 2 Ag) and 43 (-\$150: 5+6 = 4 C). No deliveries.

The Market: (IDN = 0)

Au:	5 + (0/4) = 5 =	NC 5000	EP L:	7 + 0 - 0 = 7	-1 400
Ag:	6 + (0/2)-0 = 6 =	NC 2000c	Den C:	8 + 0 - (0/2) = 8	NC 300u
Cu:	4 + (0/2) =	NC 1000i	SLC C:	5 + 0 - (0/2) = 5	+1 300u
Den L:	6 + 0 - 0 = 6	NC 500	Pueb C:	11 + 0 - 0 = -2	100u
SLC L:	12 + 0 - 0 = 12	-3 300	SF C:	7 + 0 - 0 =	NC 300l
Pueb L:	5 + 0 - 0 =	+1 600	EP C:	7 + 0 - 0 =	NC 300u
SF L:	6 + 0 - 0 = 6	NC 400			

Turn 2a

- #1: Prospect #57 (Dispute!) & #65 (-\$300). Survey C Springs-Pueblo (-\$500) and S Platte-Fairplay (-\$1500).
- #2: Prospect (+1) #57 (Dispute!) & #53 (Dispute!). Survey (+1) Rollinsville-Hot Sulfur Springs (\$1700) & C Springs-Pueblo (\$500).
- #3: Prospect A20 (-\$375). Survey Rincon-Butte Jct (-\$800).
- #4: Prospect #51 (-\$400) and #53 (Dispute!). Survey SLC-Provo (-\$100) and Heber City-SE (-\$1300)

Dispute Resolution:

Craig C (#53): #2 vs #4 = 5:10. #4 pays \$200.
 Crested Butte C (#57): #1 vs #2 = 8:8+1. #2 pays \$400.

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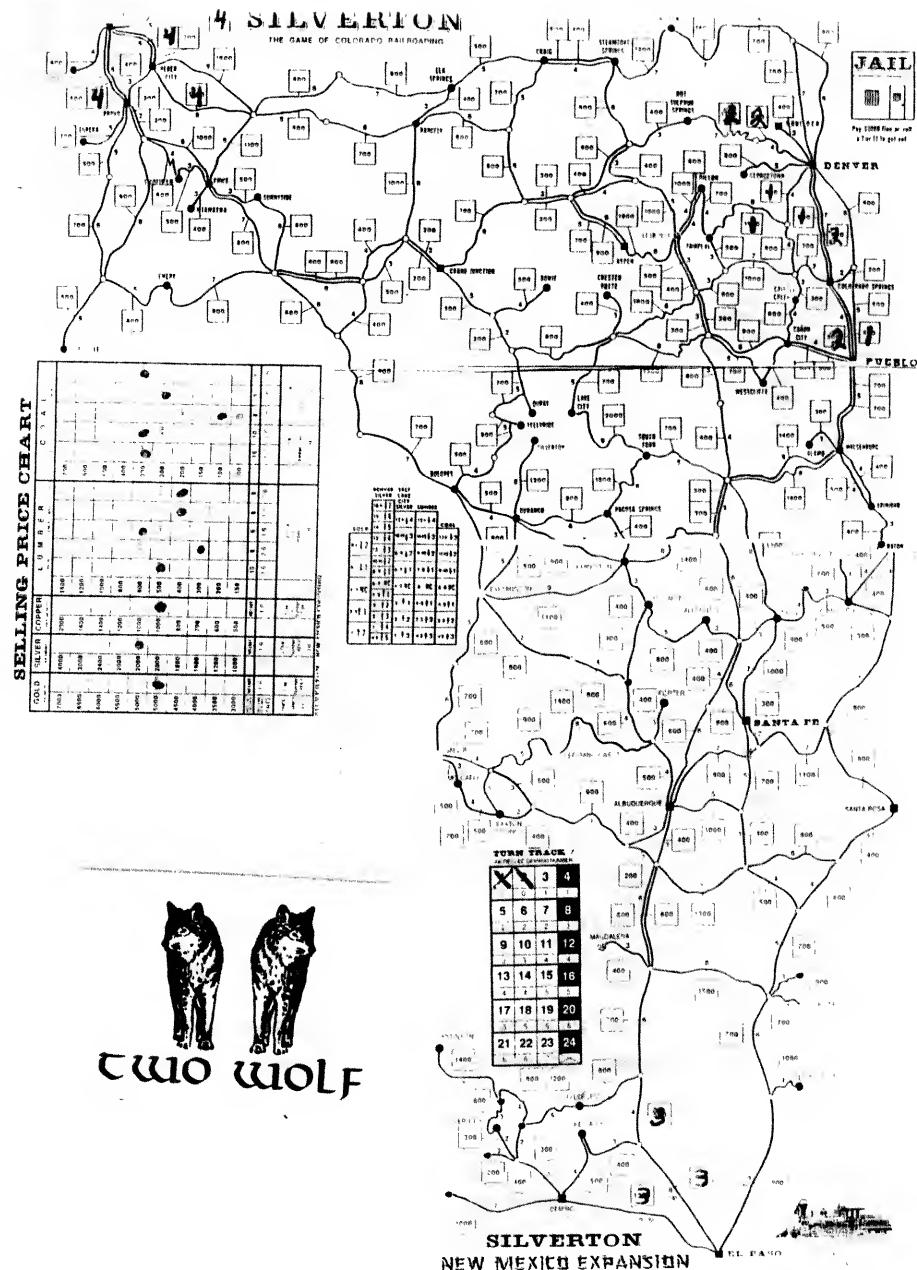
- #1: Denver, Cary Nichols, \$4,900, S+2,S.P.P, #14(0.5 Ag), #18(1 Ag), #65
- #2: Denver, Wayne Morrison, \$6,000, S+1,S.P+1,P, #57
- #3: El Paso, Debbie Anderson, \$6,825, S+1,S.P+1,P, A20
- #4: SLC, Paul Zieske, \$6,050, S,S.P+2,P, #10 (2 Ag), #43 (4 C), #51, #53

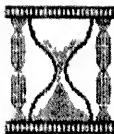
AVAILABLE CLAIMS:

6 Georgetown (Au) \$000/\$150	15 Aspen (Ag) \$300/\$150
35 Dolores (L) \$300/\$200	39 Lumberton (L) \$800/\$250
42 Vallecitos (L) \$300/\$150	78 Hillsboro (Ag) \$500/\$200
83 Santa Rita (Cu) \$500/\$250	104 South Fork (Ag) \$500/\$250
A1-A6, A19-A20	

Claims in bold are unworked.

Due next times are your orders for Turn 2 operations and deliveries and Turn 3 prospecting and





HISTORY OF THE WORLD

KOKHES



The Cast:

Dave Anderson: Orange
Cary Nichols: Azure

Kevin Wilson: Green
Rudy Zodda: Purple

Laird Khaos: Ebony
Wayne Morrison: Red

Optionals: Preservation of Culture, Fortresses, Persistence of Culture, and US Navy are in play.

The Board:

AI: Dni, NEP(3); **AIH:** Gol(c,f); **AII:** Cre, LRh(2), Mor(c), Sca; **AIV:** Cau, EAn(EM), ESt, Hok, Hon, Kor, Man, Mon, PPI(RM), WSt, Zag.
EI: Mal(c,f); **EII:** BSB, UTI(OM); **EIII:** GaD(2,C,EM); **EIV:** EDe(C), EGh, GaV, Lin(RM), PSD, UIn(RM).
GI: Pal(c,f); **GII:** GPI, PSb; **GIII:** Alb, NGa, Nil(GM), Pyr(2); **GIV:** CEu, Dan(2), Dni; **GVI:** Sha.
OI: Lib; **OII:** Lev, LT(c,f), MT(c), Nub, UN(c,F); **OIII:** Ein; **OIV:** Tar(PM), Tur, Wei, Yel(PM).
PI: Hig(c,f); **PIV:** Bal(C, Religion), CMa, Dal, NAp, Pin(AM), SApc(GM), WAn.
RI: CAm(C), Gui, Hin(2), Sib(c,f), WDe; **RII:** EAn(EM), Lev; **RIII:** GPC(OM), Sze, Yan(c,OM); **RIV:** Che, Mek(C), SIK.
Fleets: Bla(P), BoB(E), EMS(G), Nth(E), SCS(R), WMS(G).

Score (YP/SP): E(71/29), G(46+/46), P(39/20), O(62/24), A(31/26), R(52/28)

GOTHIC (G): Play "N. American Migrants" (1GII @ PSb & GPI) and "Rebellion" in EDe (2,2:6 fail). Play 1A @ Dan (1AII r-Dal), 2A @ Bal (4,4:3,2; 6,4:4,1-1GIV, 1AIII), 4A @ CEu (6,4:6,2; 3,2:6,6; 4,1:6,6; 6,5:6,3; 4,2:6,5; 5,5:6,5; 5,1:5,4; 5,2:2,1-3GIV, 1AIII), 2A @ Dni 5,2:6; 4,1:2-1GIV, 1AI, 1A @ Cau (3,1:3; 4,1:5-1GIV). Score: 46 + Religion(1) + C(1x2) + c(1) + M(2x2 + 1) + S(2) + Mid E(P=3) + N Afr(P=2) + S Eur(D=6) + N Eur(D=4) = 72.

HUNS (A): Play "Kingdom" @ Gol (+1AII,f,c) and "Disaster in Mts" @ Zag (-RM,C, +c). Play 1A @ WSt (2AI r-NEP), 1A @ ESt, Mon(4,2:4,4; 6,6:6,6; 6,5:4,1-1PIII), Man, Kor, Hon, Hok; 3A @ Cau (2,16; 3,2:3; 5,1:6; 3,2:1-2AIV, 1EII); 1A @ EAn (6,2:3,1-1RII & RF @ Bla), Zag (5,3:1-1RIII,c), PPL (4,4:4; 5,3:4-1IV,c), PSD (5,1:6-1AIV). Score: 31 + c(2) + M(2) + Mid E(P=3) + S Eur(P=2) + N Eur(P=2) = 42.

BYZANTINES (P): Play "Famine" in S Europe (-1GIII @ Pyr, -1AII @ Dal). Play "Kingdom" in Hig (1PIII,c,f). Play 1A,C @ Bal (1GIV r-Dan); 4A @ Pin (4,2:5,2; 5,4:6,1; 3,2:6,4; 4,4:4,2; 6,4:5,2-3PIV, 1GIII); 2A @ Dal (3,1:3,3; 3,3:4,1; 6,5:6,6; 4,3:4,5; 4,3:5,3; 4,3:4,2; 5,1:5,1; 6,5:5,2-1PIV, 1AIII); 1A @ NAp (6,1:3-1AIII), SApc (6,3:3-1GIII,C, +c, Religion moves to Bal); 1F @ Bla; 1A @ WAn (5,2:2-1EII), CMa (6,4:6,2; 5,2:3,1). Score: 39 + Religion(1) + C(1x2) + c(3) + M(2x2 + 2) + S(1) + Mid E(P=3) + China(D=6) + S Eur(D=4) + N Eur(P=2) = 68.

TANG DYNASTY (O): Play 1A,C @ Yan (-1OIII), 1A @ Sze (2,1:2; 6,6:3-1PI); 2A @ GPC (2,2:3; 6,5:4-1OIV, 1PIII), Yel (5,2:5; 5,2:1-1PIII), Wei (4,2:2-1PIII), Tar (5,3:1-1PIII), Che (6,1:1-1PIII), SIK, SoJ, Tur (6,1:5-1AI). Score: 62 + C(1x2) + c(3) + M(2x2 + 2) + S(2) + Mid E(P=3) + N Afr(D=4) + China(C=9) + SE Asia(P=2) = 93.

Emperor and Empress Anderson are visiting the outer provinces during the 4th of July. The Columbus of O-hi-O.

We will meet other loyal subjects at new game called History of the World or may dapple in Diplomacy.

ARABS: No Show.

KHMER (R): Play "Civil War" @ Yan (4,2:3-1OIV,C +1RIII,c), GPC (6,2:4-1OIV +1RIII; -OF @ SoJ, & Sze (5,1:1-1OIV +1RIII). Play "Rebellion" @ BSB (3,3:6 = n/e). Play 1A,C @ Mek, 1A SIK (4,1:4; 6,2:1-1OIV), 2A @ Che (6,4:6; 4,1:4; 2,1:6; 3,2:2-1RIV, -1OIV), 1F @ SCS (6,2:4-OF). Score: 52 + C(2x2) + c(2) + M(2) + S(1) + Mid E(P=3) + China(D=6) + India(P=3) + S Eur(P=3) + SE Asia(P=2) = 78.

Score (YP/SP): E(71/29), P(68/32), R(78/32), O(90/35), A(42/40), G(72/46)

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Fleets: Bla(P), BoB(E), EMS(G), Nth(E), SCS(R), WMS(G).

EPOCH Y:

Ebony holds. Purple holds. Red passes to Green. Orange holds. Azure must hold or pass to Red. Green must pass to Azure, if Azure passed to Red, or to Red, if Azure holds.

FRANKS (?)



"I CAN SEE UNITING THE CONCEPTS OF SPACE AND TIME, OR ENERGY AND MATTER, BUT WHAT CORNED BEEF HAS TO DO WITH CABBAGE IS BEYOND ME."

ON DECK

1835: Hanna, Zieske
AGE OF RENAISSANCE: Copeland

ATTIKA: Barrett

BALKAN WARS: K Wilson, Dave A

CIRCUS MAXIMUS: Nichols, Zieske, Fryling (need 1 to 7 more)

COLONIAL DIP: Burgdorf, Copeland, Nichols, Dave A (need 3 more)

DIPLOMACY: K Wilson, Copeland, Nichols, Fryling (need 3 more)

EVO: Barrett

GUNSLINGER: Scott, Fowble, R Fisher; need 4 or 5 more

LIFT-OFF: York, Dave Anderson

MACHIAVELLI: Nichols, Dave A, Scott, Barrett (need 0-4 more)

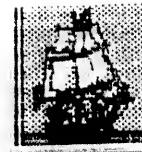
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SAMURAI (AH): Copeland

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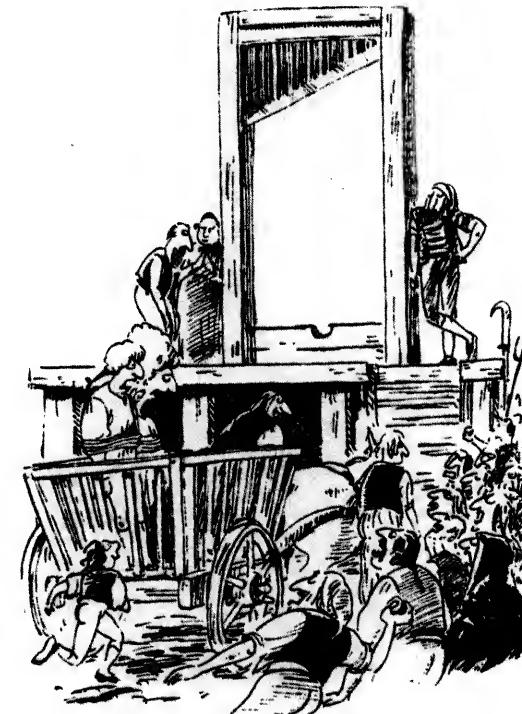
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